

Appl. No. 10/553,363
AMENDMENT dated February 26, 2009
Reply to Office Action of October 1, 2008

REMARKS/ARGUMENT

This amendment responds under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 to the Office Action of October 1, 2008.

Claims 1 and 15 through 17 are pending in the application. Claims 2 through 14 and 18 through 20 are canceled.

Claims 1 and 15 through 17 are allowed.

1. Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Claims 13 and 14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Moloney et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,503,933) and THE AGROCHEMICALS HANDBOOK (A0090/Aug. 91).

The Applicants previously traversed this rejection for the reasons stated in their response of December 31, 2008. The Applicants note that claims 13 and 14 are claims that depend from allowed independent claim 1. The Applicants continue to rely on the arguments of their previous response and believe that the rejection of dependent claims 13 and 14 as being obvious is improper. However, to expedite the prosecution of this application, the Applicants delete claims 13 and 14 from the application. This rejection is moot.

2. Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, Second Paragraph

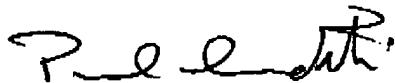
The Examiner rejects claims 13 and 14 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, Second Paragraph, as having insufficient antecedent basis. Again, the Applicants continue to reply on the arguments

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presented in their previous response. The cancelling of claims 13 and 14 renders this rejection moot.

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that this application is now in condition for allowance, and an early Office Action to that end is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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